

Congratulations and Thanks!

2017 Court Appointed Special Advocates



Congratulations and many thanks to the following 10 individuals who completed the 2017 CASA training. Your hard work and dedication is appreciated and we look forward to working with you in your role as advocates for children in neglect/abuse cases.

Front Row: **Kathy Nixon, Kristy Kent, Dorothy Grow, Christine Berg** Back Row: **Art Gibson, Kathy Tahtinen, Christine Adams, Honorable Melanie D. Stanton, Dana Boals, Jane Fochtman, Donna Hasenauer** Not pictured: **Stephen Drosdeck**



New Vision Academy 2017



Welcome **Jessie Kilpatrick**, as our 2nd intern of the summer. Jessie joins Tyler and Darcy in all the New Vision planning and implementing of sessions for the New Vision youth.

Thank you to the local facilitators for their willingness to participate in this great program. They have shared so many great experiences and opportunities with the kids this year.

Nichole Dilloway & Brad Neuder-Third Level Crisis
Trooper Kris Makowski-MI State Police K-9 Unit

Phillip Allen-United States Air Force

Sue Schmidt & Maswe Hennrick

Jim Adkins-White Tiger Martial Arts

Cathy Celderwood

Roger Busker & Pat Reeser-BATA

Beth Wallace & Rorie Kawula-NMC

Staff Sergeant Bates-US Army

Dan Baker-1st Community Bank

Becky Bigelow-Reigning Liberty Ranch

Mr. and Mrs. Williams-Therapy Dogs

Officer Matt McKinley-Grand Traverse Sheriff's Dept
Phil Hamburg

Dr. Christina Richardson-MI Physical Medicine, PLC

Derek Migazzi, Dr. Donald Funk-Free to Play

Allie Shumate-Life Guard/Water Safety

Deanna Sayer-Next Step College Planning

Devin Moore-Oryana Co-op

Valeri Dietz-Woofers on the Run

Linda Smith-TADL

Danelle Brostrum & Stephie Luyt-TCAPS



Many thanks to Christine Adams, John Ellis Sr. and John Ellis, Jr. for their willingness to attend RDSS training in Frankenmuth this August.

RDSS, Regional Detention Support Services is a division of DHHS that Grand Traverse County is contracted with to provide transportation services, for youth on probation.

Probate & Family Court Volunteer Services is proud to add these three volunteers to the list of 12 other RDSS trained volunteer transporters.

As of June 30th, 2017 Volunteer Services has provided 44 transports for 54 youth*. (number includes multiple trips for same youth).

July/August Birthdays

Jane Fochtman
Karen Grant
Kristy Kent
Carla Lamphere
Beth Sieloff
Mary Wayne

Ruth Bay
Susan Bender
Nancy Bryant
Wendy Cuneapen
Barb Disborough
Tim Doyle
Nany Giles
Barb Grewe
Don Kuehlhorn
Lori Metcalf
Etta Rajkovich
Susan Pahl
Ed Thoma
Kathy Walsh-Sinnard

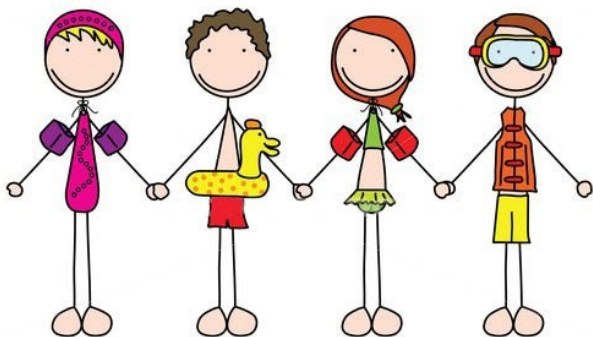




Learning Partners were able to offer individualized swim lessons in May, and plan to enjoy a trip to the Beach Bums baseball game in July. Our thanks to Norte! Youth Cycling Club for their support in helping us get a Learning Partner off and rolling on her bike in June! In August we will celebrate back-to-school with a picnic and the distribution of a backpack stuffed with school supplies, courtesy of our local Traverse Bay Sunrise Rotary Club.

We have several folks working on referrals for Fall. We will have students that need your weekly help and support. If you, or someone you know, might be interested, just let us know and we will get you the details.

Reminder: No meetings in July or Aug. See you all at our next scheduled meeting, September 7th, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.



Reminder: **No meeting in July.**

Please join us Tuesday, **August 15th** at 4:00 p.m. for a presentation by The Michigan Special Education Mediation Program. This program is a free, fast, effective, neutral and confidential service for families of children with disabilities.

Laurie Jamison will be presenting information on this program available to children and families throughout the State of Michigan.

Facilitation and Mediation Services are offered by MSEMP, in a variety of situations. The presentation will go into detail on how to request their assistance, and in what scenarios their services are appropriate.

Please join us for this great opportunity to learn more about a program we could use as a resource for the families we work with.



Dates to remember:

August 15th, monthly meeting.

September 19th, monthly meeting.

October 17th, monthly meeting.

November 10-11th, Michigan CASA Conference at the Grand Traverse Resort. (no monthly meeting).



**VOLUNTEERS IN
PREVENTION/PROBATION**

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY PROBATE COURT

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MELANIE D. STANTON, PROBATE & FAMILY COURT JUDGE

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231-922-4827

Or Current Resident

Learning Partners

1st Tuesday-4:00-5:00 pm

Tuesday, July (no meeting)

Tuesday, August (no meeting)



CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)

3rd Tuesday- 4:00-6:00 pm

Tuesday, July (no meeting)

Tuesday, August 15th, 2017



*All meetings are held at the Volunteer Services office unless otherwise mentioned.